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AALBERTUS PIETER KROESBERGEN : SUBSTRATE WITH
Serial No. Not Yet Assigned : SUPER-ABSORBENT MATERIAL,
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-
identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title and before line 1, insert the
following:

--This is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial
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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION1. Field of the Invention --

Page 1, before line 6, insert the following heading:

2. Description of the Related Art --

Page 2, before line 8, insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Page 2, before line 22, insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 shows a schematic diagram of preparatory steps
for manufacturing a super-absorbent powder according to prior
art; and

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**SUBSTRATE WITH SUPER-ABSORBENT MATERIAL, METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURE THEREOF AND USE**

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The present invention relates to a substrate provided with a super-absorbent material, to a method for the manufacture thereof, a method for manufacturing the super-absorbent material, in addition to the use of the substrate in different products.

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Super-absorbent materials used for a variety of applications have existed for decades. Such super-absorbent materials are capable of binding a multiple of their own weight in liquid, particularly water, sometimes up to five hundred times as much.

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The super-absorbent capacity of such materials is based on swelling. The materials are at least partially cross-linked polymer chains containing a large number of COOH groups. Through contact with water or an aqueous liquid hydrogen atoms will split off and COO⁻ groups will be formed. These negatively charged carboxylate groups repulse each other, whereby the cross-linked polymer forms a three-dimensional network, in which the water molecules are as it were captured. The water molecules are held in the super-absorbent material by means of hydrogen bridges. The (partial) cross-linking of the material is essential for the effectiveness thereof, since "separate" polymer chains would simply dissolve in the liquid instead of absorbing it.

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~~Super-absorbent materials occur as powders or fibres. The advantage of powders is that they have a markedly higher absorption capacity than fibres due to their significantly larger surface area. Super-absorbent fibres are moreover more expensive.~~

30 Powders are usually applied to a substrate, which in turn is further processed into the end product. In particular cases powders are also directly processed. The great drawback of powder however is that it causes dusting and dust nuisance both in the manufacture of
35 substrates coated with powder and in the processing of